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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MASS, KS

SUBJECT: THIRD COUNTRY PURCHASE: EXOCET

REF: STATE 7320

IN CONVERSATION JANUARY 13 MND ASSISTANT MINISTER
FOR LOGISTICS PAIK SEOK CHU FOUND OCCASION TO
REITERATE THAT IN ORDER TO BEAT BACK PRESSURE
WITHIN ROKG TO BUY EXOCET MND NEEDED AFFIRMATION
IN WRITING THAT HARPOON COULD BE DELIVERED IN TIME
FOR INSTALLATION ON SECOND TRANCH OF PSMMS (I.E.
FIRST QUARTER FY 77). PAIK NOW ANTICIPATES ROKG
WILL MAKE FINAL DECISION ON EXOCET NOT LATER THAN
END JANUARY, WHICH IS WHEN FRENCH LETTER OF OFFER
IS EXPECTED TO EXPIRE. THIS UNDERLINES DESIRABILITY
OF EARLY DECISION ON HARPOON, PREFERABLY BY TIME UNDER
SECRETARY MAW VISITS SEOUL JANUARY 15-17. IF FINAL
HARPOON DECISION NOT POSSIBLE BY THESE DATES WE URGE
THAT AS MINIMUM UNDER SECRETARY BE AUTHORIZED TO
SAY ORALLY TO PRESIDENT PARK AND OTHER ROKG
OFFICIALS THAT WE ARE WORKING HARD TO MEET
ROK TIMING AND EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO DO SO.
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